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Mr. Loring K. Macy
Director, Office of International Trade
Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macy:

The National Security Council has requested an analysis of "The Relative Importance of East-West trade to the Soviet Bloc and the Rest of the World" (NIE-89). In order to accomplish this analysis, the research offices of Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State require the assistance of your Office. The data required are needed prior to January 15, 1952.

The specific need is for the following set of trade statistics:

a. Non-Orbit tables: A set of tables showing trade with the Soviet Orbit by commodity with a fairly complete commodity breakdown. Each non-Orbit country's trade will be on a separate table and will show trade of that country with each of the Orbit countries.

b. Orbit tables: A set of tables showing Soviet Orbit trade with the rest of the world, grouped into 50-75 commodity categories. The trade will be shown for each Orbit country.

I understand that the procedures and forms to be used in the non-Orbit tables are now standard with your International Economics Analysis Division and will probably present no procedural problem. We are prepared to offer our full cooperation in working out the Orbit tables.

In view of the importance of this study and the time limitation involved, I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter at the earliest opportunity.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/

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